

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1. - 2. (Canceled)

3. (Currently Amended) A swim lift platform for attachment to a transom of a boat comprising:

a movable member having a pair of spaced apart generally vertically extended side structures and a generally horizontal platform having opposite sides and being supported at the lower ends [[end]] of said side structures structure;

a mounting structure adapted to be fixed to the transom of a boat, said mounting structure including; a first pair of parallel spaced flange members guide means on said mounting structure;

a second pair of parallel spaced guides guide means on said movable member formed as a pair of channel members slidably receiving said pair of flange members portions of said first pair of guide means to support said movable member for vertical sliding movement between a storage position in which said platform is above water level when said boat is floating in water and a lower position in which said platform is submerged;

a linear hydraulic actuator means disposed generally midway between said opposite sides and said guides and acting between said mounting structure and said movable member for moving said movable member between said storage and lower positions; and

a control means for actuating said hydraulic actuator means, said control means being accessible to an operator standing on said platform.

4. (Currently Amended) The swim lift platform of claim 3 wherein said flange members portions extend away from each other and wherein said channel members each have opening portions facing each other, said open portions receiving said pair of flange members portions of said mounting structure moveable member.

5. (Currently Amended) The swim lift platform of claim 3 wherein said moveable member has a forward wall connected to said guides guide means and to said platform for movement as a unit between said storage and lower first and second positions.

6. (Canceled)

7. (Currently Amended) The swim lift platform of claim 3 wherein said mounting structure has a transverse vertical wall and wherein said flange members are first pair of guide means are formed by flanges spaced parallel to each other and relative to said transverse wall and extending away from each other.

8. (Currently Amended) The swim lift platform of claim 7 wherein said moveable member has a forward wall and said transverse vertical wall of said mounting structure is parallel to said forward wall of said moveable member, said walls forming a chamber therebetween to house said hydraulic actuator cylinder.

9. (Currently Amended) The swim lift platform of claim 5 wherein said forward wall of said moveable member is formed with stationary steps.

10. (Previously Presented) The swim lift platform of claim 3 wherein said movable member includes guide means form hand gripping surfaces for use by a user standing on said platform.

11. (New) A swim lift platform for attachment to a transom of a boat comprising:

a movable member having a pair of spaced apart generally vertically extended side structures and a generally horizontal platform supported at the lower ends of said side structures;

a mounting structure adapted to be fixed to the transom of a boat;

a first pair of parallel spaced guides on said mounting structure;

a second pair of parallel spaced guides on said movable member and being complementary to and engagable with said first guides to support said movable member for vertical sliding movement between a storage position in which said platform is above water level when said boat is floating in water and a lower position in which said platform is submerged; and

a hydraulic actuator having a cylinder portion and rod portion extendable therefrom, one of said portions being connected to said mounting structure and the other of said portions being

connected to said movable member for moving said movable member between said storage and lower positions.

12. (New) The swim lift platform of claim 11 wherein said moveable member has a forward wall connected to said second pair of guides and to said platform for movement as a unit between said first and second positions.

13. (New) The swim lift platform of claim 12 wherein said hydraulic actuator means is supported forward of said wall.

14. (New) A swim lift platform for attachment to a transom of a boat comprising:
a mounting structure adapted to be mounted to the transom of a boat, the mounting structure including a central mounting portion and a first pair of spaced apart guides interconnected therewith;
a platform assembly including a generally horizontal platform for supporting an operator and a second pair of guides interconnected therewith, the second pair of guides engaged with the first pair of guides to support the platform assembly for generally vertical linear movement between an upper storage position and a lower use position;
a pair of handles directly interconnected with the platform assembly for generally vertically linear movement therewith; and
an actuator operable to move the platform assembly between the storage and use positions.

15. (New) The swim lift platform of claim 14 wherein the actuator is a linear hydraulic actuator and is disposed between the first pair of guides and between the second pair of guides.

16. (New) The swim lift platform of claim 14 wherein the platform assembly further includes a forward wall, the actuator being disposed forward of the wall.

17. (New) The swim lift platform of claim 16, wherein the actuator is a single linear hydraulic actuator and is disposed between the first pair of guides and between the second pair of guides.